# MINUTES MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

## Regular Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2013

Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: Chairman J. Goodwin, B. Chandy, R. Hall, K. Holt, G. Lewis P. Plante, B. Pociask,

B. Ryan

Members absent: K. Rawn

Alternates present: V. Ward, S. Westa Alternates absent: A. Marcellino

Staff present: Grant Meitzler, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Ward was appointed to act in Rawn's absence.

#### **Minutes:**

<u>10-07-13 - Regular Meeting</u>- Hall MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 10-07-13 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Chandy and Ward noted that they listened to the recording of the meeting.

#### **Communications:**

The Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report was noted.

**Old Business:** None.

#### **New Business:**

W1524 – St. Jean – 43 Hickory La – Solar Panels

Ryan MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by C-Tech Solar (File W1524) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the installation of 3 solar pole mounts on property located at 43 Hickory Lane owned by Michael St. Jean as shown on a map dated 8/19/13 and revised to 10/2/13, and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and Conservation Committee, for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Request for Exemption:**

### W1525 – Town of Mansfield – Dunhamtown Forest – Pedestrian Bridge

A brief presentation was given by Jennifer Kaufman, Mansfield's Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator, and Eagle Scout candidate, Patrick Kornegay. Then Holt MOVED, Pociask seconded, to approve the application for wetlands file W1525, submitted by the Town of Mansfield for the Dunhamtown Forest property, a project to construct a pedestrian crossing on a footpath located on the property to provide a crossing that will minimize damage to the wetlands underneath, as depicted on a plan dated October 17, 2013, and as described in other application materials.

This action is based on a finding that an exemption under the provisions for recreation projects to be a non-regulated use, as provided in Section 4.1(b) B, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. All erosion and sediment controls as described in the application shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until November 4, 2018), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before

any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Other Communications and Bills: Noted.
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Adjournment: The Chairman set a field trip for 11/13/13 at 2:00p.m., and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary